

The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Michael P. Nolin**  
Commissioner

January 14, 2005

**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 05-006**

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Brian Gallagher  
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Windham, NH 03087

Subject: Windham – Public Water System: Windham Middle School (EPA #2545030)

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Windham Middle School water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

**October 2004 and January 2005**

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

1. **By January 28, 2005**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
2. **By February 11, 2005**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report which shall include recommendations to correct the bacteria contamination; and
3. **By February 25, 2005**, submit to DES for review and approval an implementation schedule which identifies specific dates by which steps to correct the bacteria contamination will be accomplished.

Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, owners of public water systems are required to issue public notification when a system has exceeded the MCL limit for coliform bacteria. DES records show that the water system has failed to perform public notification for the October 2004 MCL violation. In addition, to date the water system has not submitted proof of public notice for the January 2005 MCL violation.

In view of the public notice violation, DES believes the deficiency can be corrected, and future violations prevented, by taking the following actions:

4. **By January 28, 2005**, carry out the public notice requirements for the October 2004 and January 2005 MCL violations listed above; and
5. **By February 11, 2005**, provide proof of public notice to DES.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may initiate formal action against you, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

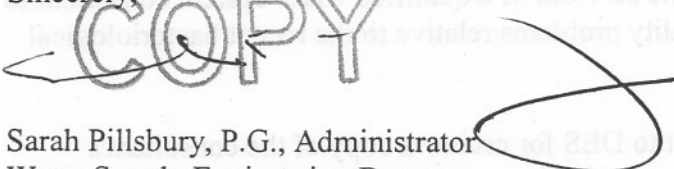
The copy of the consultant's written report **and the implementation schedule** as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Anne S. Bailey  
Department of Environmental Services  
Water Supply Engineering Bureau  
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

**To avoid future violations, please submit water samples according to the water system's Master Sampling Schedule, along with Barbara Davis' letter dated January 13, 2005, copies of which are enclosed.**

Please contact Anne Bailey by phone at (603) 271-0672, or by e-mail at [abailey@des.state.nh.us](mailto:abailey@des.state.nh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

  
Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator  
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

Enclosures: MCL public notice form  
Letter Dated January 13, 2005  
Master Sampling Schedule

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cc: Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator  
Town of Windham Health Officer  
William Houser, Granite State Analytical, Primary Operator (w/enclosures)  
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